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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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A PLECTRUM FOR A STRING INSTRUMENT,

AND A SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

A TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER ARRANGEMENT

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please cancel original claims 1-43 and cancel amended claim 30 and rewrite them as new claims 44-81 as follows:

44. A plectrum for a string instrument having a plurality of conductive strings,

said plectrum including:

a non-conductive body defining a gripping portion and a plucking portion; and